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The Immediate Office for the Office of Inspector General provides senior-level support to the Inspector General.

The Chief of Staff, who is also the Acting Deputy Inspector General, is primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of OIG operations and coordination of the activities of each OIG component. The Chief of Staff also oversees executive performance, strategic planning, and the Product and Process Quality Unit.

General Counsel provides independent legal advice to the Inspector General and the entire staff of the Office of Inspector General. This legal guidance covers the full range of activities within OIG, including investigations, audits, inspections, and evaluations. OGC manages the OIG ethics program, providing ethics advice and training and financial disclosure reviews.

The Office of General Counsel is also responsible for managing OIG's Freedom of Information Act ( [FOIA](#) ) and Privacy Act ( [PA](#) ) programs.

In addition to the Chief of Staff and General Counsel, the Immediate Office staff includes:

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